

BLACK DIAMOND AFTER CHARTERS

Promoters of the System to Apply to
the Legislature.

FOR TWO VIRGINIA ROUTES.

Virginia Invited to Co-Operate in
Southern Exposition in New York.
Mr. Montague's Successor,
Homes for Children.

The next Legislature will probably be asked for two railway charters by Col. A. E. Boone, of Ohio, and associates, promoters of the Black Diamond system of railways, the main line of which is projected to extend from a point in Ohio thence southeast through Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina to Port Royal, in the last named State. A letter was received at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday from the promoters inquiring the amount of costs on two railway charters in Virginia.

One of the routes contemplated would extend from a point in Kentucky or West Virginia through Southern Virginia to Danville. The other route for which a charter is contemplated would be from some point on the main line in West Virginia to Tidewater Virginia, the eastern terminus being either on the Rappahannock or James river or at the Chesapeake Bay. Colonel Boone has a gigantic railway scheme on paper, and claims that his plans will eventually materialize.

VIRGINIA LADIES INVITED.
Mrs. Sarah A. Pryor, wife of Judge Roger A. Pryor, the celebrated Virginia lawyer, now practicing in New York, has been elected president of the Woman's Department of the Southern Exposition, to be given in New York next spring. Mrs. Pryor has written a letter to Governor Tyler, informing him of her election and the desire of the ladies to have a creditable exhibit, and requesting the co-operation of the Governor. She particularly desires a complete exhibit prepared for the Exposition by the ladies of Virginia and to this end would be very much pleased to enlist the co-operation and assistance of Mrs. Tyler. The Governor has indicated his purpose to lend whatever aid lies in his power to the success of the department of which Mrs. Pryor is the head. Mrs. Tyler, it is stated, will also co-operate in the matter of an exhibit by the ladies of Virginia.

PLEA OF A POOR WOMAN.

The Governor's mail yesterday contained the following letter, written under a Stafford county date line:

Governor Tyler:

"Dear Sir—I had the bad luck to lose my house about a month ago by fire. I am a poor woman with six little children, the oldest but eight years old. My husband is with the army in the Philippines. We lost everything but the clothes we had on. I want to ask wouldn't you please give me something to put me up a little cabin to live in this winter. Hoping to hear from you soon."

The Governor is tremendously appealed to by persons, many of whom are doubtless really deserving, to aid them in the hour of adversity and distress.

Rev. D. W. Comstock, of the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, called upon the Governor yesterday. Mr. Comstock is interested in the work of obtaining homes for destitute children. He has been very successful in his efforts in other States, and now desires to have Virginia "enter into the work. He will remain in the city several days."

LABOR COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Mr. A. P. Montague, Commissioner of Labor, who has been in Richmond for the past week, left yesterday for Lynchburg and Radford.

In regard to the appointment of his successor by Gov. Tyler, Mr. Montague says he is certain it will not be made until the first of January. He will hold the office until that time.

Mr. James B. Doherty has been recommended by Mr. Montague for the office, but at this time the Commissioner is unable to say what action Gov. Tyler will take. Mr. Montague will return to Richmond about December 1st.

Mr. Doherty, who is probably succeeded by Mr. Montague, was born in this city on the 1st of March, 1864, and has been a resident here ever since. He attended the schools of this city, and at the age of seventeen entered the employ of cigar-making. At expiration of his apprenticeship, he joined the Cigar-makers' Union, and has been a continuous member ever since. For several years he was president of the local union, and represented his union at the conventions of the Cigar-makers' International Union held in Indianapolis in 1901, and Milwaukee, Wis., in 1899; was vice-president of that body from 1899 to 1901 and declined reelection. He served as president of Central Trades and Labor Council of this city several years.

Mr. Doherty has been a faithful worker in the Democratic ranks for a number of years, and has represented Jackson Ward in the City Democratic Committee for the past six years. For six years he has served as chairman of the Plans Committee, and at present is vice-chairman of the City Democratic Committee.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Attorney-General Moncure will be away until the opening of the Supreme Court on next Wednesday. He will spend the interval in Danville, where he will address the voters of that city on the eve of election. Mr. Montague's family accompanied him.

President Lyon G. Tyler, of William and Mary College, was a visitor at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction yesterday.

Mr. W. B. Shelton, treasurer of Hancock county, and Mr. Samuel P. Waddell, treasurer of Henrico county, were at the Treasurer's office yesterday.

A number of the State officials will go home Tuesday in order to vote in the legislative election.

EASTERN VIRGINIA DISCIPLES.

Plan to Build a Church in Antioch, Syria.

WAVERTLY, VA., Nov. 4.—Special.—The Eastern Virginia Christian Conference in session here closed Friday. The report of the Committee on Moral Reform urged abstinence from the use of or handling of in any way of intoxicating liquors, advised against the use of tobacco, urged a better observance of the Sabbath, the discontinuance of gambling, dancing, divorce, commercial dishonesty, and other social evils.

The Committee on Education recommended Rev. I. W. Johnson and L. L. Lassiter for ordination, and admitted Mr. H. C. Carroll, of Norfolk, to the biblical class. They also recommended the licensing of Messrs. J. M. Roberts, C. C. Jones, and O. J. Green, after their graduation at Elton College next June, in case they pass the regular examination satisfactorily.

Revs. J. P. Barrett, D. D., W. St. Kelsey, D. D., N. G. Newman, John T. Kitchen, H. H. Butler, and J. W. Harrell, and Laymen Judge J. F. West, E. E. Holland, Col. A. H. Hays, W. Lee, A. M. Eley, and J. W. Folk, were elected delegates to the Southern Christian Convention.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions showed a greater interest in the home mission work and in the distribution of the present year than for any

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Lowest Prices for Best Goods.

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This fact has been strongly emphasized by the largely increased volume of business in every department in the store and has given us renewed evidence of the public's belief in our efforts to give to them absolutely reliable merchandise at lowest possible prices, which is our safe guarantee of satisfactory and economical buying.

We Announce for To-Morrow Our November Sale.



Ladies' Tailored Suits.

No dull times in our Suit Department. The bargains we advertise we have, and they are magnets strong enough to keep us busy all the time. Last week's sale was a big success, and commencing to-morrow we again offer upwards of seventy-five fresh, new Suits at our unmatched prices.

Our Suits are perfect in point of style and fit and will wear better than most Suits, and you stand in your own light if you do not look here before you purchase.

Special lot of Homespuns, Mixed Coverts, Plain Black and Navy Serges, Fly-Front and Tight-Fitting Jackets, sold at \$12.50 and \$15; choice for \$10.

The best Imported Broadcloth Tailor-made Costume on exhibition at the Always Busy Store; tight-fitting jacket, latest style skirt, fancy strap seams, best tailors, silk-lined throughout. This is actually a \$60 value; our bargain price, \$45.

Special lot of Grey-mixed Suits, tight-fitting jacket, silk serge lining, regular \$15 suits, special \$12.50.

Our latest novelty in Tailor-made Costumes is the combination Suit in Brown, very swell and up-to-date, worth \$35, choice for \$25.

Golf Capes.

Children's Golf Capes, splendid assortment to select from, regular \$5 value for \$3.50.

Another lot of Children's Golf Capes, extra fine quality, nicely finished, very stylish, worth \$5.50 for \$4.50.

Special assortment of Misses' Golf Capes, nice assortment of bright shades, regular \$10 quality, our special price \$7.50.

Ladies' Golf Capes in Grey Colors, medium and full length, also assortment of fancy plaid, very swell, regular \$15 value for \$10.

Dress Goods Sale.

To-morrow again we will demonstrate at our Dress Goods Counters that we offer reliable goods at the lowest prices.

Three special features we want you to notice at this counter—

**High-Class Black Crepons,
Special New Colored Goods,
Plain and Fancy Silks.**

Silks.

BLACK PLISSE.
all silk, one of the newest things out for waists, at \$1.19 per yard.

HEMSTITCHED TAFFETAS.
27 inches wide, in Black and White, at \$1.25 per yard.

BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE.
all silk, 12 inches wide, and good lustre, at \$2.50 per yard.

BLACK TAFFETA.
in excellent values, 50c., 65c., 80c., 75c., 90c. and \$1.

BLACK GROS GRAIN.
22 inches wide, high lustre, heavy weight, at \$1 per yard.

Black Dress Goods.

BLACK HABIL CLOTH.
all wool, 40 inches wide, at per yard, 25c.

BLACK HENRIETTA.
all wool, extra fine count and a regular 60c. value, at per yard 50c.

CHEVIOTS, STORM SERGES, DIAGONAL AND GRANITE SUITINGS.
all wool in excellent values, at per yard, 60c.

BLACK CREPONS.
in silk effects, 42 inches wide, at per yard, \$1.50.

BLACK MOHAIR CREPONS.
in stripes and bluster effects, at per yard, \$2.

Colored Dress Goods.

ALL-WOOL PLAIDS.
26 inches wide, and good weight, for skirts, 50c. per yard.

BROADCLOTHS.
50 inches wide, in the different shades, at 75c. per yard.

HABIT CLOTHS.
50 inches wide, all wool, in a wide range of colors, at 50c. per yard.

ZIBELINE SUITINGS.
50 inches wide, rough and stylish, at \$1 per yard.

CAMEL-HAIR PLAIDS.
45 inches wide, in real artistic color combinations, at \$1.25 per yard.

VENETIAN CLOTHS.
50 inches wide, very fine quality, with high lustre, at \$1.50 per yard.

Winter Underwear.

We can hardly get it in fast enough to supply the demand. We've never done such enormous selling of Underwear. Here are some extraordinary good things just come to hand. We are headquarters of reliable underwear at moderate cost.

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Jersey-Ribbed, Fleece-Lined Vests and Pants, in Gray, White and Ecru, 50c. each.

Ladies' White Cotton Jersey-Ribbed Vest and Pants, 35 and 50c. each.

Ladies' Scarlet All-Wool Vest and Pants, 50c. and \$1 each.

Ladies' Black Worsted Equestrian Tights, \$1 and \$1.50 each.

Ladies' Black Worsted Vest and Pants, \$1 and \$1.50 each.

Ladies' Jersey-Ribbed Fleece-Lined Combination Suits, Melba fastening, 50c., 75c. and \$1 each.

Men's Underwear.

A small lot of Men's Camel-Hair Shirts and Drawers, a bargain, \$1 each.

Men's Pure Wool, Fleece Shirts and Drawers, in Tan and Blue, \$1 value here for 75c. each.

Men's Gray Wool-Mixed Shirts and Drawers, extra quality, 75c. each.

Men's Tan, Wool Fleece, Shirts and Drawers, nicely finished, 50c. each.

Men's Derby-Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, in Tan, Blue and Ecru, special, 50c. each.

Men's Extra-Heavy, Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, special, 25c.

Men's Heavy Tan Shirts and Drawers, a good 37½c. value, here at 25c.

Children's Underwear.
Misses' Jersey-Ribbed Fleece-Lined Vest and Pants, 25 and 30c. each.

Children's Heavy Fleece-Lined Cotton Combination Suits, 25 and 30c. each.

Children's Jersey-Ribbed, Fleece Lined Suits, in Gray, 25c. each.

Boys' Heavy Fleece-Lined Cotton Shirts and Drawers, in Tan, 25c. each.

Boys' Gray, Medium-Weight, Half-Wool Shirts and Drawers, 25c. each.

Boys' Heavy-Wool, Fleece Shirts and Drawers, in Gray, 50c. each.

Children's Jersey-Ribbed, Fleece Lined Suits, in Gray, 25c. each.

Boys' Heavy Fleece-Lined Cotton Shirts and Drawers, in Tan, 25c. each.

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Children's Jersey-Ribbed, Fleece Lined Suits, in Gray, 25c. each.

Seasonable Wash Goods Large Assortment, Stirring Values.

Just a few propositions, but each one a giant in value and at the same time a dwarf in price.

Outing Cloth, worth \$1.25, for 50c.

Outing Cloth, light colors, special value at \$1.25.

Flannellettes, stripes and figures, a bargain at \$1.25.

Apron Gingham, all colors, cheap at \$1.25.

Dress Gingham, dark colors, worth \$1.25, for 50c.

Flannellettes, dark colors, the best value ever offered for \$1.25.

Percales, 22 and 26 inches wide, for this lot only 80c.

Double Napped Flannels, worth \$1.25, special for \$1.25.

Outing Cloths, light and dark colors, great styles for 10c.

Satteen, all colors, worth \$1.25, for 10c.

Flannellettes, the best styles to be had, only 10c.

Percales, navy blue and white, 36 inches, only 10c.

French Flannellettes, light and dark colors, a great number at 10c.

Italian Cream, vanilla flavor, extra-fine piece of goods; if you try it once you'll say it's ours; our low price, 15c. pound.

Extra-Fine Marshmallows, something nice, 15c. pound.

The best Chocolate Drop on the market; you'll say so, after you try it; our low price, 15c. pound, and twenty-five other styles to select from.

Something new, Chocolate Ratatouille and Pecan Cakes, a 40c. candy here at 25c. pound.

Chocolate-Covered Roasted Peanuts, 25c. pound.

Chocolate-Covered Caramels, 25c. pound.

Chocolate-Covered Marshmallows, 25c. pound, and about thirty other kinds to select from.

Sale of Stationery.

Nice Stationery by the pound, quire or box, school supplies, &c., at very low prices. This department is up to date in assortments. Cards and invitations engraved at short notice.

Royal Victory Linen Paper, new shape, fine quality, 15c. pound. Envelopes to match, 5c. package.

Snow Flake Linen Paper, in Rose and Heliotrope, 15c. pound. Envelopes to match, 5c. package.

Old No. 1 Paper, satin finish, 15c. pound.

Antique English Linen Paper, in two sizes, plain and ruled, 10c. pound.

Huribot's "Coart of the Netherlands," in Blue and White, 25c. box.

The newest fad, Dark Green Paper, 25c. box.

Extra-fine quality Initial Paper, nicely boxed, 25c. box.

Military Gray Paper, 21 sheets, for 5c.

Blankets.

Good Heavy H-I White Wool Blanket, weighs over five pounds, our low price \$4.45.

Same quality, 12-4 size, \$5.25.

Same quality, 10-4 size, \$3.35.

Fancy Plaid Blankets, in pink, black, tan and red plaid, full 10-4 size, actually worth \$5.50, our price \$3.35.

Lining Specials.

The lining department will be a lively place to-morrow. We have prepared a feast of style and price lowness that will gladden the hearts of all.

Percale, 26 inches wide, fast Black, would be cheap at 10c., for 5c.

Silesia, 36-inch, regularly sold at 10c.; special, 5c.

Figured Black-Back Silesia, 36-inch, worth 12½c., for 10c.

Shrink Canvas, fast Black, special price, 12½c.

Colored Moreen, 26-inch, was 13c., special, 10c.

Mercedized Satteens, all colors, special value, at 15c.

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Reliable Linen Bargains Briefly Noted.

At prices that have gained us fame as the "Always-Busy Store," "givers of best values."

A Sale of Household Linens.

Doylies, red border, all linen, exceptional value, at 61-4c. each.

Crash, red border, all linen, would be cheap at 61-4c. for 5c.

Crash unbleached, good width, all linen, a bargain at 53-4c.

Crash, red border, all linen, good width, extra heavy, for 81-4c.

Dinner Napkins, all linen, fast selvedge, only \$1.00.

Dinner Napkins, Scotch linen, very heavy, a bargain at \$1.25.

Dinner Napkins, large size, all linen, great value at \$2.00.

German Damask, all linen, good width, only 30c.

Irish Damask, pure bleached, all linen, special item at 50c.

Scotch Damask, 68 inches wide, all linen, for 50c., large size, Dinner Napkins to match for \$1.50.

Irish Damask, 68 inches wide, new designs, a real bargain at 55c., Napkins to match, 54 size, for \$2.25.

Irish Damask, 70 inches wide, beautiful patterns, special value at \$1.00, Dinner Napkins 54 size for \$2.19; Dinner Napkins 54 size for \$2.25.

Hemstitched Lunch Cloths, 36x56 inches for 50c.

China Sale in the Basement.

People have come to recognize our Basement as a first-class china store. We have our full stock of Fancy China, Briza-Brac, Lamps, &c., in now for wedding and holiday gifts and you will be fully repaid for a thorough look through the department.

Large China Parlor Lamp, with bronze trimming and best burner, decorated in blues and pink tinted; special price only \$2.99.

Large China Lamp, richly decorated, and newest shape, with best burner and large-size globe, at \$4.98.

Handsome Metal Lamp, gold gilding, silver column, and best Rochester burner, with 9-inch globe, was \$10, now \$6.25, complete.

China Lamp, in pink decoration, with large globe and lift-out fount, only \$2.39, complete.

Handsome Metal Lamp, with black iron trimmings and ruby bowl, with 10-inch globe to match, \$6, complete.

Extra-Large China Lamp, 12-inch globe, green, with pink decoration, would be cheap at \$10, our price, \$7.50, complete.

Extra-Fine Lamp, and very large bowl, with 12-inch globe, shaded pink, with hand-painted snow-balls on globe and bowl, and has bronze